Setting up of an Atomic Power Plant in Jaduguda Bihar

1941. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that not even a single atomic power plant is located in the eastern region of the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that natural quality uranium is found in abundance in Singhbum District of Bihar ;

(c) whether a survey was conducted by an expert committee appointed by Government to report the selection of places for the location of atomic plants in the country; and

(d) whether the said committee had suggested Jaduguda, a place in Singhbum District of Bihar, as the ideal location for an atomic power plant in eastern region whether Government have decided to set up an atomic power plant at Jaduguda?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) At present there is no atomic power station in the Eastern Region.

(b) The largest known reserves of Uranium, in its natural state, in the country are located in Singhbum thrust Belt of Bihar.

(c) and (d) Site Selection Committee of the Department of Atomic Energy has assessed various sites in the Eastern Region of which Bihar is a constituent state. The Bihar State authorities proposed a number of sites including a site in Singhbum district which was also assessed by the committee. Report of the committee is under consideration of Government.

Bidi racket

1942. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Hindustan Times of 22nd August, 1985 to the effect that a spurious bidi racket has been unearthed in New Delhi.

(b) if so, the details of the racket unearthed;

(c) whether any arrest has been made; and

(d) it so, what action has been taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES : (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) On 18-8-1985, One, Puran Lal, resident of Usman Pur, Delhi, who was having two bags of bidies for different trade marks, suspected to be spurious, was produced to the Police. A case under Section 420/468 IPC was registered at Police Station Connaught Place, New Delhi and investigation taken up. During the course of investigation, it came to light that Puran Lal used to prepare bidies in his own house and also used to sell them to Ashok Kumar, Ravi Kumar and Subhash Chander of Delhi. The houses of these persons were searched and a large quantity of spurious bidi packets and raw material along with counterfeit wrapping papers and labels of different trade marks worth Rs. 40,000 were recovered from their possession. All the four persons were arrested.

Initiation of process of political dialogue with South Africa

1943. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to

state :

(a) whether the recent Commonwealth Summit had asked the President of Zambia and the Prime Ministers of Australia, Bahamas, Canada, India the United Kingdom and Zimbabwe to develop, with the Commonwealth Secretary General, the modalities of the efforts to assist the process of political dialogue with South Africa;

(b) whether any action has been initiated to pursue the course of dialogue; and

(c) if not, the stage at which the matter stands and the steps being taken to chalk out the programme of collective action ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Secretary General of the Commonwealth is in the process of finalising the constitution of the group of eminent persons, envisaged under the Commonewealth Accord on Southern Africa, to facilitate a political dialouge in South Africa. The group is expected to have its first meeting shortly in London where it will chalk out its programme of work.

1944. [*Transferred to the 16th December 1985*]

Issue of passports to extremists in Lucknow and Bareilly

1945. SHRI J.P. GOYAL : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Navbharat Times' of 6th and 11th November, 1985 to the effect that officers and staff of the passport offices at Lucknow and Bareilly in Uttar Pradesh have been engaged for years in issuing passports to the extremists for consideration.

(b) whether an investigation has been made in this regard ;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof;

(d) what are the particulars of the said officers involved; and

(e) what action has been taken against them and to cancel all passports issued to the extremists

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Passports in all cases were issud only after obtaining the clear security reports from the State C.I.D. Head Quarters at Lucknnow and necessary identity and citizen ship verification reports from local Police authorities. These reports did not indicate that the applicants were 'extremists', or that there were any grounds on which passports could be refused to them.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Flow of militant Sikhs to Ecuador

1946. SHRI J. P. GOYAL : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Govt. are aware that Sikh militants besides those unemployed in West Asia, who sought political asylum in Britain and other West European countries, are being flown to Ecuador;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and the reaction of the Govt. of India thereto;

(c) whether the matter has been taken up with the Govt. of Ecuador, and

(d) if so, what has been the outcome thereof ?